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Hongkong, December 8, 1914. 1277

## THE KAISER AT THE FRONT.

How He "Leads" His Armies in  
the Field.

The special correspondent of the "Daily  
Call" writes from Am-ster-dam:  
"One of the Kaiser's typical days at the  
front is described by a well qualified eye-  
witness as follows:  
"The Kaiser has been sleeping in a  
French chateau, but not without elaborate  
precautions against any surprise attack.  
The extraordinary measures taken to guard  
the Kaiser must be attributed not so  
much to personal cowardice as to William  
II's profound conviction that his safety is  
essential to the Fatherland. It must be  
remembered that his mental make-up is a  
quintessence of bluff, coarse brutality,  
lack of real courage, intelligence and a  
capacity for quick absorption of superficial  
facts, religious fanaticism, and megaloma-  
nia."  
A ROUGH PROOF HOUSE.

The French chateau was fortified against  
aerial attacks. Sacks were piled on the  
roof and a protective shield of metal net-  
work was erected. Whether the Kaiser  
moves, his quarters a small army and  
military engineers proceed to him to carry  
out these defensive measures before his  
arrival. Of course they are withdrawn  
from the fighting line, but the Kaiser  
personally believes that his august person  
is of more value to the cause of Germany  
than a complete Army Corps. "Around  
the chateau were the men of his  
special bodyguard: a detachment outside  
his bedroom door, another in the hall,  
another at the front door, and two more  
detachments in the rooms immediately  
above and beneath his own room respec-  
tively. Three unbroken lines of sentries  
surround the house: a whole Battalion of  
Infantry and several squadrons of Cavalry  
were encamped in the park. This was  
some 20 miles from the front and the chateau  
was connected by field telegraph with the  
headquarters of the nearest Army, so that  
any sudden retreat of the German legions  
should not place the supreme war lord in  
danger."

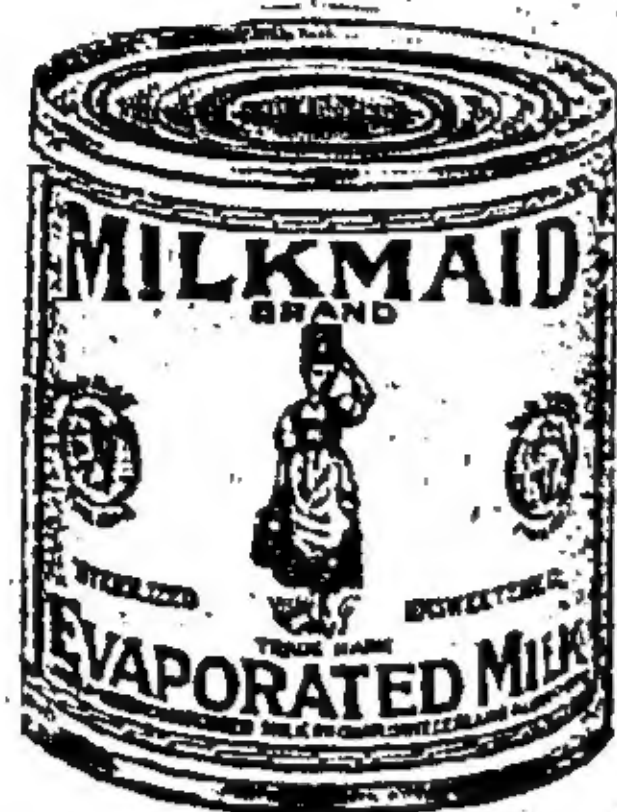
EARLY AFTERNOON.  
Soon after sunrise the Kaiser emerged  
from the chateau and greeted his soldiers  
with his customary "Good morning,  
soldiers," to which all of them in the im-  
mediate vicinity replied in unison,  
"Good morning, Majesty." A motor car  
was in readiness, and the Kaiser was  
whirled swiftly towards the front, while  
the troops guarding him stood rigidly at  
attention; ten drummers of the Body-  
guard beat their drums by way of a salute.  
The Imperial standard was conveyed in a  
second motor car, and the Officers  
of the Imperial suit followed in  
others. The Cavalry of the Body-  
guard had preceded the monarch to the  
place where he left his motor car to  
mount his horse. As he was helped in-  
to the saddle at a table set up with  
their swords, and another set of drummers  
beat their drums. No ceremony may be  
omitted, even at the front. The Kaiser  
rode off, with his mounted guard thickly  
clustered around him; a standard bearer  
riding immediately behind him bore the  
Imperial Flag. Then followed a spec-  
tacular progress from point to point in the  
rear of the fighting line. A safe distance  
to the rear, I may add, because the  
supreme war lord must not be exposed to  
a stray British bullet or French shrapnel."

PATRIOTIC EXERCISES.  
But large bodies of reserves had  
been ordered in those parts and fresh troops  
were marching up from the direction of  
the frontier. The Kaiser halted and ad-  
dressed a fervently patriotic oration to one  
Regiment and another to succeed Regiment.  
So he rode from place to place, and dur-  
ing the morning he delivered no fewer than  
nine different speeches, all bombastic and  
excessively martial in tone. Lunch was  
taken in the open air at a table in front of  
a certain General's tent. Wine and food  
commandeered from the residence of a  
French country gentleman supplied the  
Kaiser's daily with a luxurious meal,  
prepared by his own cook and served by  
his flunkies in gaily decorated uniforms.  
None of the pomp of the Imperial Court is  
abandoned at the front. More visits to  
troops and more speeches in the afternoon.  
Back by automobile to the chateau for  
dinner. At no moment during the day  
had the Kaiser been within range of the  
enemy's fire."

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JAMES CRAIK,  
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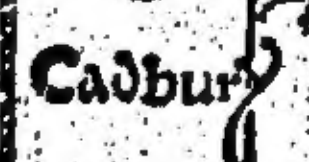
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**LACK OF INITIATIVE.**

**CAUSE OF GERMAN FAILURE.**

**Squandered Forces.**

Colonel F. N. Maude, C.B., writes:—  
 All sense of co-ordination of effort seems  
 to have deserted the German Staff.  
 They continue their insensate local at-  
 tacks with forces which could achieve far  
 more permanent results even if they suc-  
 ceeded in piercing for a moment their  
 adversaries' lines. To tear asunder such a  
 screen as that by which they are at  
 present surrounded would need the con-  
 centrated efforts of at least ten full army  
 corps, say 100,000 men, on a front of  
 not less than twenty miles, and no such  
 concentration has been made nor would it  
 be possible to make it now, even if a  
 leader capable of handling such masses  
 existed amongst them. The resources  
 necessary for such efforts have long since  
 been squandered.

Even in the attack, they have made  
 their own show of originality what-  
 ever. Surely the tremendous punish-  
 ment they have received at our hands  
 again and again must have revealed  
 something wanting in the practice of the  
 theory of attack which all of us alike—  
 French, Russian, Japanese, and British—  
 accept as the basis of our own practice.  
 We all copied the fundamental  
 idea from them. How is it, then, that  
 we have, under somewhat similar con-  
 ditions, all of us succeeded where the  
 Germans continue to fail?

**"THE LETTER THAT KILLS."**  
 The fundamental cause of failure  
 really lies in the mentality of the Ger-  
 man officer; indeed, in that of the whole  
 people. Every German military teacher  
 of repute has warned his readers and  
 pupils against the tendency to sacrifice  
 the spirit to the letter of their orders.  
 Intellectually all have accepted the warn-  
 ing, and for some years after 1870—  
 until, in fact, about 1895—the staff did  
 its utmost to encourage and cultivate  
 initiative in all ranks.

At equal distances marching columns  
 of British infantry with red coats and  
 almost black legs were quite invisible,  
 but we had one trick in certain regiments  
 of the British infantry which gave away  
 a marching column at greater distances  
 than did anything else—namely, the  
 practice in rifle regiments, dating back  
 to the Peninsula of carrying their rifles  
 on the shoulder but upwards. When  
 the polished brass buttplates caught the  
 sun you could see a kind of glimmering  
 serpent winding along the hillside,  
 sometimes even ten miles away, and I  
 trust sincerely that the practice was  
 stopped before our new troops got to the  
 front. Next to a grey horse, there is  
 nothing within my knowledge so fatal  
 to concealment as this apparently harm-  
 less bit of the rifleman's swagger.  
 Evening Standard and St. James's Ga-  
 zette.

**GLORIOUS BELGIUM.**

**Through Mourning to Victory.**

Mr. W. Beach Thomas telegraphs  
 from the North of France to the Daily  
 Mail a fine tribute to the splendid Bel-  
 gian army. He says:—  
 What the world must not forget,  
 though minds are emptied of all else, is  
 the Belgian sacrifice in this vain and  
 deadly battle along the Yser.  
 On Monday 9,000 Belgian wounded  
 had reached the base hospitals, and  
 1,350 came in on Tuesday.  
 The Belgians have died and suffered  
 on the extreme edge of their territory  
 with more than mortal courage and  
 crueller losses than when they thrust  
 back the hordes from making entrance.  
 But at Neuport and Dixmude they have  
 been defending just a strip of earth, a  
 mere wedge, the size of a big German  
 farm, of no account for its wealth and  
 little for its sentiment. They have de-  
 fended not Belgium but France and Eng-  
 land at a cost that every Frenchman and  
 every Briton of this generation should  
 know and feel and repay as a first duty.  
 Lying flat on the ground on the last  
 piece of Belgian soil, at least a quarter  
 of their force has suffered death or  
 wounds.

10,000 wounded out of 30,000.  
 It is said that a wound in the back is  
 disastrous. Nearly all these men are  
 wounded in the back, and never were  
 wounds more honourable. In many of  
 these wounds bullets have entered and  
 re-entered the flesh. The shrapnel has  
 hit them as they lay prone, as if they  
 lay under the hail of a steel volcano; and  
 the rifle bullets have raked them. Above  
 them the round smoke clouds that the

French, on the other hand, and  
 indeed all races in which the Latin strain  
 is strong—inactively use the point,  
 whether of bayonet or sword. We seem  
 to come midway between the two in our  
 usage. For I have known quite as many  
 officers who, on the basis of their expe-  
 rience, maintained that it was impos-  
 sible to teach English cavalry to do any-  
 thing else but hit, as of those who  
 asserted—equally from experience—the  
 exact opposite.

For my own part I am inclined to  
 attribute many of the German attack  
 failures to too much khaki uniform. It  
 will have been noticed in all the soldiers  
 and officers' letters from the front that  
 whereas the Prussians were very hard to  
 see at a distance, they were always good  
 targets in their "rush."  
 But this rule both ways, and did not  
 save them at all, for our men have uni-  
 formly held their fire till they could not  
 well miss, and have always killed quite  
 enough to stop them, whereas, the nearer  
 they got to our rifle muzzles the further  
 they were from their supporting artillery,  
 and consequently the more invisible.

The guns therefore on whose support  
 the success of the attack essentially de-  
 pended had to withhold that support ex-  
 actly at the critical moment for fear of  
 hitting their own men—for even Germans  
 realize men will not stand being shot  
 at from both sides simultaneously; and  
 this artillery support once withdrawn  
 our own men were able to show their  
 hands and take deliberate aim.

**LETTERS FROM BELGIUM.**  
 If the German infantry had not been  
 beaten out with fatigue they would have  
 replied with aimed fire from the shoulder

**HAVE YOU A  
 BAD LEG**  
 With Wounds that discharge or otherwise  
 render the leg useless, or when the leg is  
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2.30 p.m.—Auction of Furniture, etc.  
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WEDNESDAY, December 16:—

3.30 p.m.—Sale of Work at St. Paul's  
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THURSDAY, December 17:—

8 a.m.—Excursion to Macao.

FRIDAY, December 18:—

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SATURDAY, December 19:—

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# NEWS OF THE DAY.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The Members of the Merchant Service Club, "Langha," sent £148.2.0. to the National Relief Fund last month.

Long Lai, a bookbinder of 34 Cochran Street, has reported to the Police that during last night some person stole from his room clothing to the value of \$14.

Last week's health report contained only three cases of communicable disease—two of diphtheria and one of enteric fever. The patients were Chinese and one death resulted.

The body of a scullie has been removed to the mortuary. Deceased was accidentally killed by a piece of rock which fell upon him while he was working on the site for the erection of new filter beds at Pokfulam Road.

Inspector Gordon at the Police Court this morning before Mr. Hazen and charged five Chinese with being on Military property at Whi field Barracks, Austin Road, without permission. The Inspector said that during last month a number of empty houses had been entered and brass and bolts stolen. When asked why they were there, the defendants replied that they had gone to beg. The Magistrate fined each defendant \$10 or a month's imprisonment.

The four Dutch destroyers building at the Vulkan Yard, Rotterdam, have been taken over by the German Government, states the London and China Express. There are also three Chinese destroyers building at Schiedam. Elbing works, which have probably been taken over from the Stabilmiento Teco people, while at Montalono there are building one 4,000 ton Chinese cruiser and three of 1,900 tons. None of the six cruisers, however, is at all in an advanced state.

The Fire Brigade this morning were called to a fire which broke out at 5 Sal Street, and which completely gutted a four storied building. The ground floor was used as a roost pork shop, while the second and third floors were utilized as dwellings and the top floor as a tailor's workshop. The fire is supposed to have originated in the chimney. The roofs of the two adjoining houses were damaged by fire. The Fire Brigade, under Station Officer Lane and Chief Inspector Gourlay, extinguished the outbreak, returning to the Station at 8 a.m. this morning. The extent of the damage is not known.

A Malay diver, whilst recently diving for coal, from a sampan, alongside a Russian steamer lying in the outer harbor Singapore, was seized by a shark which gripped him by the right thigh. He managed to get the sampan, and was attempting to get into it, when he was again bitten in two different places, on the back and loins; he was pulled into the sampan, but expired shortly afterwards from shock and loss of blood.

A Chinese, who had returned to the Colony at the expiration of a banishment order made against him, was charged by Detective Sergeant Brown before Mr. Hazen at the Magistrate's Court this morning, with being in unlawful possession of iron. The officer stated that the defendant had previously been banished for larceny. The Magistrate asked if a conviction would be sufficient to have him banished again. Detective Brown replied in the affirmative. Defendant was fined \$10 or a month's imprisonment and recommended for banishment.

There has been much speculation in the press as to the place at which Captain von Muller and the surviving officers of the Endeavour are to be interned. Singapore, Hongkong and a port in Australia have all been mentioned. As a matter of fact, says the Straits Echo, all these conjectures are wrong for we happen to have learnt from a most trustworthy source that Captain von Muller and his men are now on their way to England. We have also been told the name of the vessel by which he is travelling, though it would perhaps be unwise to publish it at present.

The following from the "Japan Chronicle" should interest many people in Hongkong and Canton where Mr. Mott was not unknown.—We have received a copy of a book on the cover of which are the words: "Spore a Shilling! and Other Poems: By an American Who Owns Eggs and Land Much." Having glanced at the contents, we are inclined to think that Mr. Lawrence Mott, if he is under any obligation to England, might well have spared her this book of larceny. We note that it is described in some advertisements as a book of "poems of extraordinary merit," and it is prophesied "the author will some day mark a high Kipling, Spenser, and Emerson." We have no great admiration for Kipling as a poet, but we should hesitate to wish him harm to the extent indicated.

At St. John's Cathedral last evening Mr. Danvers Fuller, F.R.C.O., the organist, gave the first of a series of organ recitals arranged for the winter months. The rather small congregation was noticeable for the number of Naval and Army men included in it. The programme opened with a rather mediocre air with variations by Smart. The tone picture, followed by S. Karg-Elert, which followed was well interpreted, the soft tones of the plaintive melody receiving sympathetic treatment. A contrast was struck by Guilman's Funeral march and hymn of Ruyter, a sombre martial air which concludes with a melody speaking of triumph and rejoicing in a key of the over popular Land of Hope and Glory concluded the programme. An offertory was taken for the church expenses fund.

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# TYPHOON WARNING.

The following telegram was received at the American Consulate General from the Manila Observatory at 12.15 p.m. today:—Cyclone or Typhoon near or over the northern Ladrones or Mariana Islands, bearing W.N.W. or N.W.

## SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

From home the death is reported of Mr. Herbert Price, founder of the firm of H. Price and Co., wine merchants of Hongkong.

Mrs. Mary Gault, the famous explorer, has recently returned to London after long and adventurous travels in China. She is writing a book narrating her experiences.

It is officially confirmed that the President of the Chinese Republic has conferred upon Mr. Ho Tung, of Hongkong, the Fourth Order of the Chiaho Decoration.

The Bishop of Korea has left London on his return to that country. He travelled to Newcastle, whence he sailed for Norway. His route afterwards was Sweden and Finland to Petrograd, and across Siberia to Korea.

The King of Siam sent to Lady Roberts a cordial message of sincere condolence through the British Chargé d'Affaires at Bangkok. During his studies in England in the British Army, his Majesty received much sympathetic aid from Earl Roberts, who was of great help to the then Crown Prince of Siam in his military studies.

Captain Frederick William Stoddart (killed in action) was born on July 1, 1871. After serving five years in the ranks he was, on Oct. 13, 1897, gazetted lieutenant in the Wiltshire Regiment, from which, during 1907-1910, he was seconded to the Chinese Regiment of Infantry (Her Majesty's First Chinese, now disbanded), receiving his captaincy medal while on Feb. 26, 1902. During 1908-1912 he was acting adjutant in the Territorial Force. While serving in China he was at the relief of Peking in 1900, receiving the medal with clasp.

The second of the series of Club Championship Races of the Season for racing Yachts was sailed on Saturday and the first cruiser race on Sunday, the 12th and 13th inst.

On Saturday the wind held steadily from the N.E. throughout the racing but on Sunday it was light. All classes were fully represented and the events were keenly contested. Course Lyceum Beacon (S.) Distance 9.2 miles.

Results.

Handicap Class.

Course—Channel Rock (P.)—Cust Rock (P.)—Kowloon Rock (S.)—Channel Rock (S.) Distance 7.7 miles.

Names. H. Temp. Finishing Time.

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2. La Linda. 2.18 4.32.55 4.34.37

3. Kolla. 2.18 4.43.00 4.40.42

4. Kathleen. 2.22 4.43.43 4.38.21

5. Colleen. 2.08 4.43.38 4.37.50

6. Dorothea. 2.51 4.47.10 4.40.16

7. Ayesha. 2.26 4.48.03 4.43.37

Position. Pts. for Race. Pts. to Date.

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2. La Linda. 6 10

3. Colleen. 4 11

4. Kathleen. 5 11

5. Ayesha. 3 6

6. Dorothea. 2 5

7. Kolla. 1 6

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## BY TELEGRAPH.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

## THE WAR.

## THE LATEST NEWS FROM FRANCE AND BELGIUM.

## SERBIANS RE-ENTER BELGRADE.

## SPLENDID ACHIEVEMENT BY A BRITISH SUBMARINE.

## A TURKISH BATTLESHIP SUNK.

## THE SERBIANS RE-ENTER BELGRADE.

London, Dec. 14, 2.20 a.m.

A telegram from Nish states that the Serbians have re-entered Belgrade after a fierce battle.

London, Dec. 14, 12.35 a.m.

The Paris evening official statement says:—In Belgium there were some French attacks, which resulted in an advance along the Ypres Canal and to the west of Houtheker. Violent German counter-attacks were repulsed. The enemy bombarded the station at Commercy on the 13th inst. at long range, but the damage was insignificant. The enemy resumed the offensive in Alsace and to the north-west of Cernay. They were repulsed. There was nothing noteworthy elsewhere.

## ALLIES MOVE LINE OF TRENCHES 500 METRES.

London, Dec. 11, 5.5 p.m.

A Paris communiqué states that nothing important occurred from the sea to the Oise. The enemy violently bombarded our trenches in the region of the Aisne to the north-west of Soupir. We replied by throwing our trenches into disorder. There has been no infantry attack on either side. Our artillery destroyed important works on the outskirts of the enemy. We made slight progress in Argonne and in the Bois de Laguerie by means of mines. There have been no attacks by the enemy on the heights of the Meuse. The violent cannonade by the enemy's batteries seems to have moved further north. Our troops on the Woëvre, after carrying the line of trenches over the front 500 metres at Mont Marie-Wood, repulsed two counter attacks.

HAVAS Telegram, Dec. 13, 5.25 a.m.

Yesterday was particularly calm with intermittent cannonading on different points of the front. The enemy attempted to deliver three violent attacks south-east of Ypres, but were repulsed. We progressed materially in the Bois de Preto. Several attacks north-west of Senones were repulsed.

Petrograd.—The Goeben bombarded Batoum with only slight damage. The forts replied and the Goeben disappeared.

Nish.—The Serbians, pursuing the Austrians, forced them to re-cross the Drina.

## REMARKABLE EXPLOIT OF A BRITISH SUBMARINE.

## A Turkish Battleship Torpedoed.

LONDON, Dec. 14, 12.50 p.m.

The Press Bureau announces that Submarine B 11 (Lieut. Commander Wolbrook) entered the Dardanelles, and, despite the difficult currents, dived under five rows of mines and torpedoed the Turkish battleship *Mesoudiyeh*, which was guarding the minefield. B 11, although pursued by gunfire and torpedo-boats, returned safely. She was submerged on one occasion for nine hours. When last seen, the *Mesoudiyeh* was sinking by the stern.

[The *Mesoudiyeh* is an old battleship. She was built in 1874 on the Thames but was re-constructed at Genoa between 1890 and 1902. As re-constructed she had twin screws, one military mast and top, two funnels and a double barbette at each end. Her length over all was 315 ft., her displacement 10,000 tons and her speed 17.5 knots. She had a complete belt of armour of from seven to 12 inches in thickness and carried two 9.5-in. (twelve 6-in. 9-in. 14-in. long 12-in. and other smaller guns, while her crew numbered 600. The British submarines of the B class were built in 1906. They displaced 315 tons, have a surface speed of 13 knots, a submerged speed of 6 knots and have two torpedo tubes.

Lieut. Com. Leonard S. Holbrook, M.V.O., the hero of this daring exploit, joined the Navy in 1901. Second son of Colonel A. B. Holbrook, he was born in 1882. He served with the Naval Guard of Honour at Queen Victoria's funeral.]

## SERBIANS DRIVING THE AUSTRIANS ACROSS THE DRINA.

LONDON, Dec. 13, 4.55 p.m.

A Paris communiqué says:—The Serbians, on the extreme left, forced the enemy across the Drina. The Serbians also continue to drive the Austrians back in a northerly and north-easterly direction.

## ADVANCING ON BELGRADE.

LONDON, Dec. 14, 5.30 a.m.

An official statement, issued from Nish, says that the Serbians, continued their pursuit of the Austrians on the 11th inst., defeating all attempts by the enemy to arrest their retreat. The Serbians are now advancing on Belgrade and Mladenovatz. The Serbians captured on the 11th inst. 2,220 Austrians twenty guns, and much material.

## THE STRUGGLE IN FRANCE AND BELGIUM.

LONDON, Dec. 13, 4.55 p.m.

To-day's Paris communiqué says:—Yesterday was particularly quiet, the enemy's activity being mainly shown in intermittent cannonades. The enemy, however, made three violent infantry attacks south-east of Ypres, which were repulsed. We made substantial progress at Bois de Preto. The enemy in the Voignes made several attacks on Mother Henri Beaccon, north-west of Senones, and were repulsed.

(British Foreign Office Telegrams.)

## MORE INDUSTRIAL TROUBLE IN GERMANY.

It is reported that all mines in the industrial regions of Germany are closing down and that the miners are being sent direct to the Western front without any preliminary training. The shortage of coal is already being felt even in Berlin where part of the gas lighting is not working.

A report that the sale of motor tyres to private persons is forbidden, except with the special permission of the Government, shows the growing shortage of rubber in Germany.

## BY TELEGRAPH.

## MOSLEMS AND THE WAR.

A telegram from British East Africa reports an interview with Sheikh Ali who stated that the making of war against Great Britain was quite without effect on the Moslem population in East Africa who recognise that Turkey is the tool of Germany. The Moslems recognise the benefits of British rule which assures religious freedom. The Sultan of Zanzibar has issued a loyal address to the Moslems of the coast region.

## GERMANY'S INSIDIOUS CAMPAIGN WITH THE TURKS.

Further evidence of the extraordinary preparation made by Germany for the participation of Turkey in the war is furnished by a dispatch from the late British Ambassador to Constantinople. The Syrian towns were filled with German officers, the Bedouins on the Egyptian frontier were bribed, and orders had been given for the manufacture of Indian military uniforms in Aleppo to simulate the appearance of the British Indian troops.

Although the majority of the Turkish Government was against war with the Allies they made no effort to escape the influence of this insidious campaign. The Press, which is entirely in German hands, made scurrilous attacks against Great Britain, and the hands of the Peace Party were forced by the War Party under Enver Pasha. The final cause of the rupture was the invasion of Egyptian territory by Turkish Bedouins and the unprovoked attack of the Turkish Fleet on the Russian Black Sea ports, at the instigation of Germany.

## WAR NEWS

Lieutenant Walter T. Brooks and Lieutenant C. V. de G. Edey, Cornwall Light Infantry, who were supernumeraries, have been restored to the establishment of the regiment.

A well-known Ipoh man, now at home, writes to the *Times of Malaya*:—

"The general impression as to the duration of the war amongst those usually well informed is that we are preparing for a spring campaign in April and that we ought by July to September of next year, to enter Berlin and dictate terms of peace."

A dispatch to the Star from Petrograd says that among the remarkable war trophies arriving at Scioleak is the entire stock of the German Emperor's famous pedigree cattle and horses, captured by the Russians from the Emperor's estates at Rominten in East Prussia.

The Gloucesters and the Cornwall Light Infantry have been again in action with considerable loss to the companies of officers and the ranks. Both regiments have been in the thick of the fighting since the war started, and have done their duty nobly and well.

After a few days at home the 1st Battalion King's Own Light Infantry, lately at Singapore, and previously in Hongkong, will leave England for the Continent.

It is thought that some mild form of conscription will be put in force in the United Kingdom—under some other name, of course—the limit of the voluntary output of recruits having been reached in the opinion of the experts who study such matters. A curious thing is that when all is going well at the front recruiting drops off, and when a reverse happens the recruits at once flock to the colours—"L and G Express."

## THE TURKISH FLEET.

One of the difficulties the Turkish Fleet may have to contend with in the near future concerns the supply of coal. If the Constantinople correspondent of the "Near East" is to be believed the position from the point of view of active operations in the Black Sea is extremely serious for Turkey.

"The available coal supply is estimated at most at 15,000 tons of steam coal and the 150 tons per diem of English coal, which is being mined under difficulties, the majority of the labourers employed there having been conscripted. Whether it will be reduced to keep up even this supply as long as gold is tight and labour scarce is doubted in some quarters."

In any case, the operations of the Ottoman Fleet, should it undertake any, are likely to be seriously hampered for want of coal. The Goeben, German officers and all, cannot do more than 15 knots on English coal, and the Breslau's speed will be reduced by 30 per cent if she is compelled to fall back on the source of supply, while Germany and Austria cannot send any large quantities of steam coal here by rail.

## SPIES AS REFUGEES.

Owing to the fear that German spies may make their way into the country disguised as Belgian refugees, Home Office instructions were given at Hull recently that no Belgian refugees are to be admitted at least coast ports.

A large number of Belgian refugees who are already comfortably housed in the Hull district must, it is feared, be removed from the coast.

The report in that forty German spies disguised as refugees have been found at Dover. An order parallel with the Home Office order has been issued by Brigadier-General Nugent, commanding the Humber defences.

## RAMMING OF A SUBMARINE.

## A Graphic Story.

A graphic account of the ramming of the German submarine by his Majesty's ship *Badger* was given by Petty Officer Morgan Thomas, of the *Badger*, to the Central News Newprint (Mon.) correspondent. Said he:

"We were leading in a line of destroyers when, just before seven p.m., the look-out noticed a white wake ahead. He telegraphed to the bridge, and almost immediately the submarine was seen hardly 100 yards ahead. Her conning tower was open, and an officer could be seen. Owing to the darkness it was impossible to know whether it was friend or foe, and the commander of the *Badger* shouted to the officer of the stranger."

"The reply was unintelligible, but quickly the identity of the submarine became known to us by its design. We were almost on top of her, and our bow rammed her obliquely as she was attempting to turn. She was indeed so close that I could have shaken hands with the Germans in the conning-tower. One of our gunners, as we closed with the submarine, discharged a four pounder at a range of only a yard or two, and we saw the shell take effect. Our shot at all times exceeded twelve knots an hour."

## ANTI-GERMAN FEELING IN CHILE.

London, Dec. 5.

There has been an anti-German outbreak at Valparaiso. Crowds stormed the German buildings, the bank, Consulate and tramcars. Troops have suppressed the riot.

## D.S.O. AWARDS.

London, Dec. 3.

A special issue of the "London Gazette" announces the bestowal of further 50 Distinguished Service Orders.

## LYDDITE EXPLOSION.

London, Dec. 9.

There has been a lyddite explosion in a factory at Bradford. Six persons were killed and many injured, and the factory was destroyed.

## LOSSES IN FLANDERS.

London, Dec. 3.

"The Times" military expert computes the total losses in the Battle of Flanders at 300,000, of whom the Germans have 200,000, and the Allies 100,000, including 50,000 British, of whom 5,500 are Indians.

## ENTERIC AMONG BELGIANS.

London, Dec. 3.

A joint committee of the British Red Cross and the Order of St. John make an immediate advance of ten thousand pounds to be expended at Calais to combat an outbreak of enteric in the Belgian army.

## H.M.S. GLASGOW.

According to a message to the "New York Herald" it is probable that H.M.S. *Glasgow* took part in the engagement in which the German Pacific Squadron was demolished. The message runs as follows:—

Santiago de Chili, Nov. 10. The British cruiser *Glasgow*, which was engaged with the German Squadron in the battle off the Chilean coast on Sunday, November 1, and the British transport *Otranto* have passed Delgada Point Light, in the Straits of Magellan, bound for the Falkland Islands, a British possession to the east of the extreme southern point of South America.

This information is contained in advices received here by the Admiralty from the naval authorities in the Straits of Magellan, who said they had seen the *Glasgow* and the *Otranto* passing through the Straits toward the Atlantic.

## A FIGHT IN THE AIR.

A private letter, published by "Liberty," gives an account of the destruction of a German aeroplane by the well-known airman M. Vedrine. A Taube aeroplane appeared above the French lines. Vedrine pursued it in a powerful Blériot machine carrying a mitrailleuse. The chase lasted eight minutes at a height of 8,000 ft. Then the Taube came under the fire of the mitrailleuse and fell, riddled with French bullets. This is the third German aeroplane that Vedrine has brought down.

## MORE BERLIN FICTION.

A gentleman in Berlin, writing to his daughter at Torquay, expressed fears for her safety, as the Berlin papers state that London and Plymouth have been practically destroyed by fire caused by Zeppelin bombs. He adds that in the German capital many dogs are being destroyed in order that they shall not intrude on the food supplies of the people.

## A BRAVE PRINCE.

Corporal J. Jolley, of the King's Royal Rifles, now at Newport (Mon.), relates that in an action at Chalons-sur-Marne Prince Maurice of Battenberg was with the regiment when the order was given that a bridge must be taken. The corporal adds: "When we got there we found that the bridge had three blockades, consisting of carts, furniture, glass, and wire. Prince Maurice of Battenberg was first man over, searching the houses beyond all by himself. This was a brave act for an officer alone."

## BY TELEGRAPH.

(Wah Tat Yat Po's Service.)

## OFFICIAL APPOINTMENTS.

SHANGHAI, Dec. 15.

Chow Tze Chi will be appointed General of Chihli and Chow Ho Khi, Minister of Finance. Liao Fung Shi has been appointed Consul-General at Cuba.

## RETURNED STUDENTS.

PEKING, Dec. 14.

Two officials have been appointed to examine the students who recently returned from Japan.

## CHINA'S BUDGET.

An interpellation has been made by the advisory Committee to the Financial Department in regard to the Budget. An early reply has been promised.

## DAMAGES SUFFERED BY CHINESE AT TSINGTAU.

Li Sing Tung has been instructed to proceed to Tsingtau to inquire into the damages suffered by the Chinese.

## THE BRITISH MINISTER.

Sir John Jordan, the British Minister, and suite left Shanghai for Peking on the 14th inst.

## GUARDING AGAINST REBELS. TRAVELLING SOUTH.

Lung Chi Kwong, the General at Canton, has wired to the Vice-Admiral at Shanghai strictly to examine all ships leaving for Canton, so as to prevent rebels from travelling to the South.

## CORPORAL PUNISHMENT SUGGESTED FOR OFFICIALS.

One of the Censors has strongly implored several officials on the ground that they have disregarded the Opium Suppression laws. The Censor suggests that the officials receive severe corporal punishment as an example to others.

## HONGKONG VOLUNTEER CORPS.

Corps Orders by Lieut.-Col. A. Chapman, V.D.

## MUSKETRY (STANDARD TEST).

Musketry (Trained men only) will be carried out as follows:—Saturday 19th, Right Section M. G. Co. at 2.30 p.m. Sunday 20th Centre Section M. G. Co. at 9.30 a.m.

All members of the Artillery Battery who failed to attend last week and must attend on one of the above dates to complete their course. Members must attend punctually at the times stated above; any man attending late will not be allowed to fire.

## SPECIAL NOTE.

Only members who have fired Part I can fire the Standard Test. Officer on duty in the Butts Saturday 19th, Lieut. A. E. Wright. Officer on duty in the Butts Sunday 20th, Lieut. C. Smith.

O.C.s. Sections will see that one of their officers attends to take charge of the firing point and that efficient N. O. O's attend to assist the Instructor.

Every member of the Corps, including those exempted from attending parades, must fire the Musketry Course. They must attend on the days allotted to their respective units. Every member failing to fire the Course will be counted non-efficient.

## GUN DETAILS.

In future Gun Detachments will be taken in all Gun Scores checked before the Section is dismissed.

## PARADES.

Parades for Wednesday 16th instant. 6.15 a.m. No. 1 Section Artillery 10 pdr. drill.

Remainder of Group on duty Musketry Exercises under Company Officers.

## DETAILS.

On duty, No. 1 Sec. Artillery, Right Section M. G. Co. and Civil Service Co. Officers on duty, Capt. Churchill, Lieut. Kennett and Lieut. Smith. Ordinary Officer, Lieut. Kennett.

To furnish Guard to-night No. 1 Section, Artillery Battery, to-morrow Right Section, M. G. Co.

Orderly Sergeant to-night Sergt. Crawford; to-morrow Sergt. Schnepel.

## HEADQUARTERS CAMP.

After this date the Camp at Volunteer Headquarters will be discontinued and the Group at present on duty will go off duty to-morrow morning.

## GUARD.

A guard of one N. O. O. and six men will be mounted at 8 p.m. and dismissed at 8 a.m. daily. Guards for the remainder of this month will be as follows:—

Dec. 15, No. 1 Section Artillery: 16, Right Section M. G. Co.; 17, Sec. Co. Company; 18, Scouts Company; 19, Scouts Company; 20, No. 2 Section Artillery; 21, Left Section M. G. Co.; 22, Centre Section M. G. Co.; 23, Civil Service Co.; 24, No. 1 Section Artillery; 25, Right Section M. G. Co.; 26, Scouts Company; 27, Scouts Company; 28, Scouts Company; 29, No. 2 Section Artillery; 30, Left Section M. G. Co.; 31, Centre Section M. G. Co.

## ORDERLY OFFICER.

The Orderly Officer will mount the guard at 6 p.m. and visit them at least three times during his week on duty. He will not be required to sleep at Headquarters.

On duty for week ending 20th December: Lieut. Kennett. On duty for week ending 27th December: Lieut. Wall.

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KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY.

Time Table - From 1st October 1914.

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DECEMBER 15, 1914. P.M.

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| Shing Mun  | 7.30  | 30.05                      | 79                            | 75        | SW                    | 0      | c        |
| Yau Ma Tei | 7.30  | 30.05                      | 79                            | 75        | SW                    | 0      | c        |
| Fai Po     | 7.30  | 30.05                      | 79                            | 75        | SW                    | 0      | c        |
| Tai Po     | 7.30  | 30.05                      | 79                            | 75        | SW                    | 0      | c        |
| Shing Mun  | 7.30  | 30.05                      | 79                            | 75        | SW                    | 0      | c        |
| Yau Ma Tei | 7.30  | 30.05                      | 79                            | 75        | SW                    | 0      | c        |
| Fai Po     | 7.30  | 30.05                      | 79                            | 75        | SW                    | 0      | c        |
| Tai Po     | 7.30  | 30.05                      | 79                            | 75        | SW                    | 0      | c        |
| Shing Mun  | 7.30  | 30.05                      | 79                            | 75        | SW                    | 0      | c        |
| Yau Ma Tei | 7.30  | 30.05                      | 79                            | 75        | SW                    | 0      | c        |
| Fai Po     | 7.30  | 30.05                      | 79                            | 75        | SW                    | 0      | c        |